

REMARKS

35 U.S.C. § 101 Claim Rejection

By the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the Examiner has rejected claim 1 “because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.” (See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 2.) Claims 1-11, 13, 14, and 18-20 have been cancelled. It is therefore clear that remaining claims 12 and 15-17 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Claim Rejections

By the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 10 12, 13, 17, and 20 “under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al (Chang, Chin-Lung; Chen, Ding-Yi; Chuang, Tyng-Ruey; “Browsing Newsgroups with a Social Network Analyzer”, Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Information Visualization, 2002, 6 pages).” (See Office Action, page 3, paragraph 1.) Claims 1-11, 13, 14, and 18-20 have been cancelled. It is therefore clear that remaining claims 12 and 15 17, as amended, comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 102.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Claim Rejections

By the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the Examiner has rejected claims 3-6, 8-11, 14-16, 18, and 19 as being unpatentable over Chang et al and various references. Claims 1-11, 13, 14, and 18-20 have been cancelled. It is therefore clear that remaining 20 claims 12 and 15-17, as amended, comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Conclusion

It is therefore clear that claims 12 and 15-17 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and 112. The application is therefore in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408-927-3377.

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